Closures of sanctuaries in Eastern Ghats

2002. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suggested to State Governments to close some sanctuaries in the Eastern Ghats;

(b) the names of such sanctuaries which have been recommended for closure by Government due to river irrigation projects, etc;

(c) what steps Government would take to move such wildlife from such affected game sanctuaries in the Eastern Ghats; and

(d) the reasons for not protecting wildlife by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA): (a) No Sir, no such suggestion has been made by this Ministry to the State Governments.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Rehabilitation package for displaced families in Karnataka

2003. SHRI K. B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a package of rehabilitation of 201 families affected due to the formation of Kudremukh National Park in Karnataka has been sent by the Karnataka Government for the Central assistance;

(b) if so, when the proposal was received by Government and the amount of the Central assistance sought; and

(c) the present status of the above rehabilitation package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA): (a) and (d) The proposal for rehabilitation of families staying in Kudremukh National Park has been received by this Ministry in December 2005. The rehabilitation project under Phase I for resettlement of 201 families is for a total cost of Rs. 23.19 crores, out of which, assistance for Rs. 18.35 crores has been sought from Government of India for acquisition of the land.

(c) There was a dedicated scheme "Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development" in the IXth Plan for providing financial assistance for